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STATE RCI//INFO ~~250PS CTR~~ FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION CIA REP,  
25X1A9a ~~DATE: 1 NOV 74~~TREASURY DEPT//INFOR ~~4~~

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF MURDERED

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THE HEAD OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE, ALBERTO VILLAR, HIS WIFE, AND BODYGUARDS WERE MURDERED TODAY ABOARD A YACHT AT A MARINA JUST OUTSIDE BUENOS AIRES. THE BOMB EXPLOSION THAT KILLED THEM WAS PRESUMABLY THE WORK OF LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO CONSIDERED ~~VILLAR~~ A PRIME TARGET.

VILLAR WAS A PROTEGE OF INFLUENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER LOPEZ REGA--THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF ALL LEFT-WING GUERRILLAS. VILLAR WAS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE A KEY FIGURE IN THE ACTIVATION OF RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUADS OPERATING UNDER QUASI-OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP. JUAN PERON BROUGHT HIM OUT OF RETIREMENT ~~TO~~ LEAD THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS, ~~but~~ BUT HE HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS IN BOLSTERING POLICE EFFECTIVENESS. VILLAR'S DEATH WILL PROBABLY DEAL A FURTHER BLOW TO POLICE MORALE.

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THE VILLAR ASSASSINATION SEEMS CERTAIN TO SET OFF MORE DRAMATIC COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM. THE GOVERNMENT MAY DECIDE TO IMPLEMENT SOME SORT OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTINGENCY PLANS REPORTEDLY DRAWN UP RECENTLY. WEAKENING OF THE FEDERAL POLICE MAY ALSO SPUR THE MILITARY TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN COMBATTING ARGENTINA'S UBIQUITOUS TERRORISTS.

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